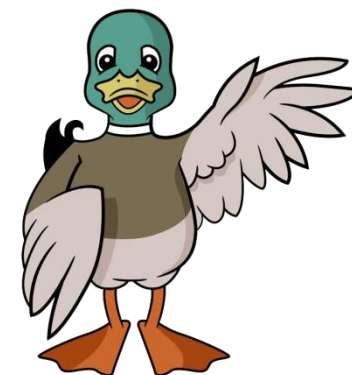




A message to our
visitors and friends from....
Bill the Duck!



Hello! 🖐️

I'm back again to give you an update for what we've been posting from July 27 to August 2, 2020.

This week saw our Gardening Volunteers return to the Museum! And speaking of gardens, our lovely Young Creators are (virtually) working away creating interesting content for our upcoming exhibition on Eliza Brightwen, the famous naturalist!

On Friday we got part 2 of our Harrow History Snapshot about St John's Stanmore, and then on Saturday we learned how to make a kite!

Enjoy!!

Monday, July 27th 2020

Post #1

We have lots going on for families online this summer including free craft-along family workshops every Saturday!

We are also celebrating VE Day and have a special online WW2 Challenge. Complete the weekly challenges in your Logbook to get to VE Day at the end!

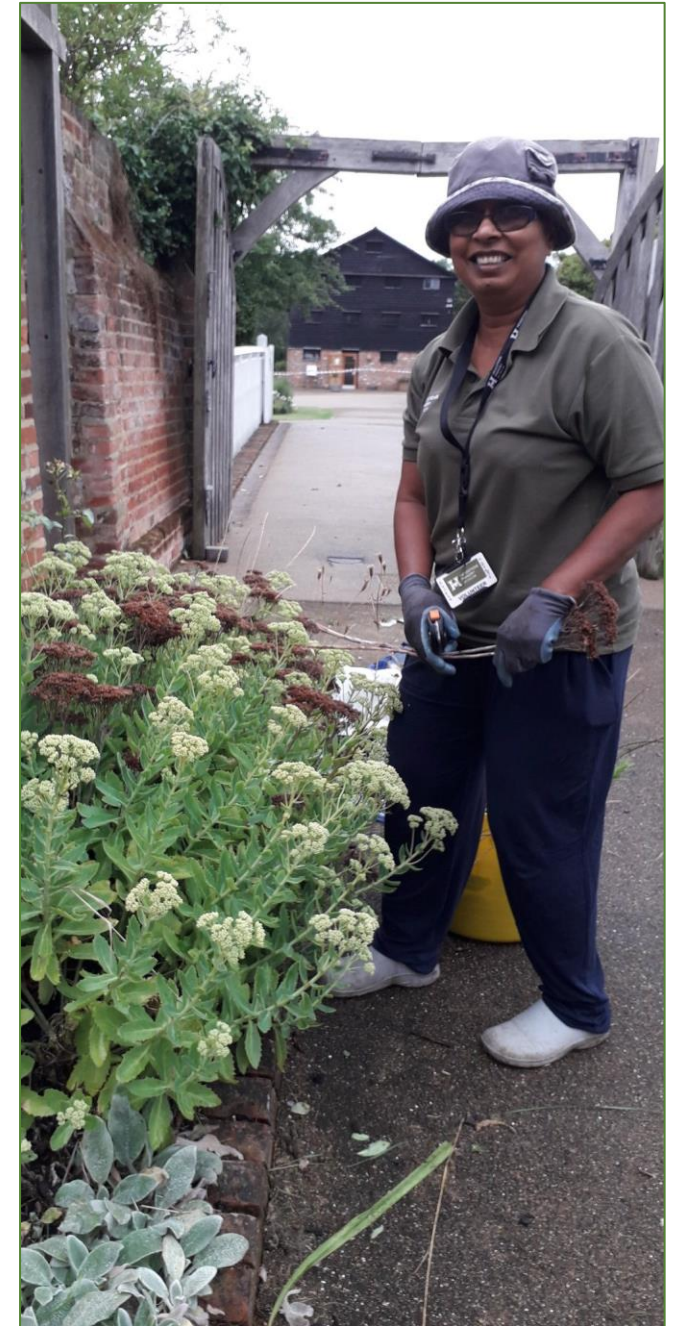
Download and print your logbook from our website.



Learn more about this event here:
<https://headstonemanor.org/learning/online-learning/>

Monday, July 27th 2020
Post #2

We are thrilled to be able to welcome back our garden volunteers! They are working hard to get the gardens looking good for our reopening on Thurs 6th!



Tuesday, July 28th 2020

Post #1

We have had an excellent group of students working with us (virtually) to research for an upcoming exhibition and also create museum content. Our Young Creators have been discovering more about Harrow resident and naturalist Eliza Brightwen (1830-1906)

We can't wait to share with you what they have been working on!

"I enjoyed researching about Eliza's pets, which ranged from squirrels and various birds to more exotic species such as lemurs and a mongoose. Eliza won their trust and made her home at The Grove in Stanmore, their home, allowing them to roam freely around various parts of the house." - Joseph



Wednesday, July 29th 2020

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Kite flying is a great activity to do outdoors so take some inspiration from the museum and nature to design and make your own mini kite to fly in the park!

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Scissors

Sticky tape

Pencil

Ruler

Glue stick.

Greaseproof, parchment or wrapping paper

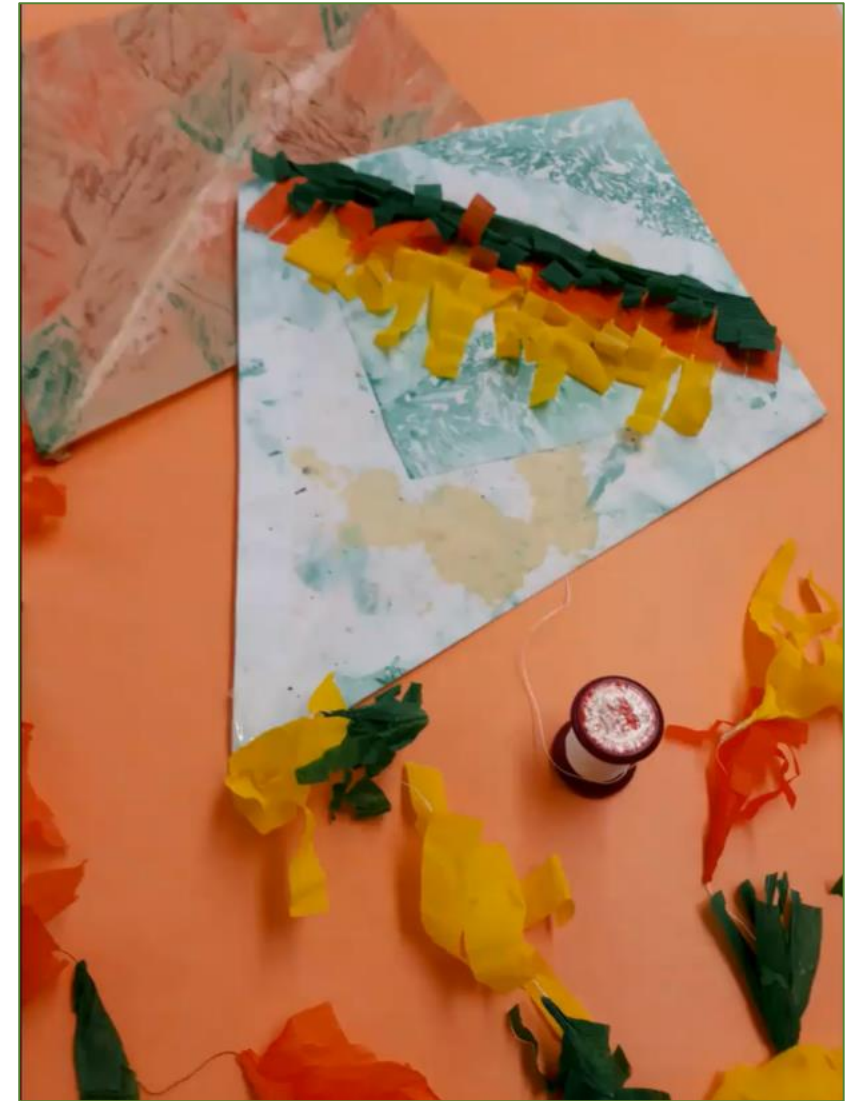
Paper straws, barbecue skewers or sticks from the garden

Coloured crayons

A selection of leaves to make rubbings from

Strong thread (on a spool is ideal)

Tissue paper



Watch the video in the post for August 1st!

Wednesday, July 29th 2020

Post #2

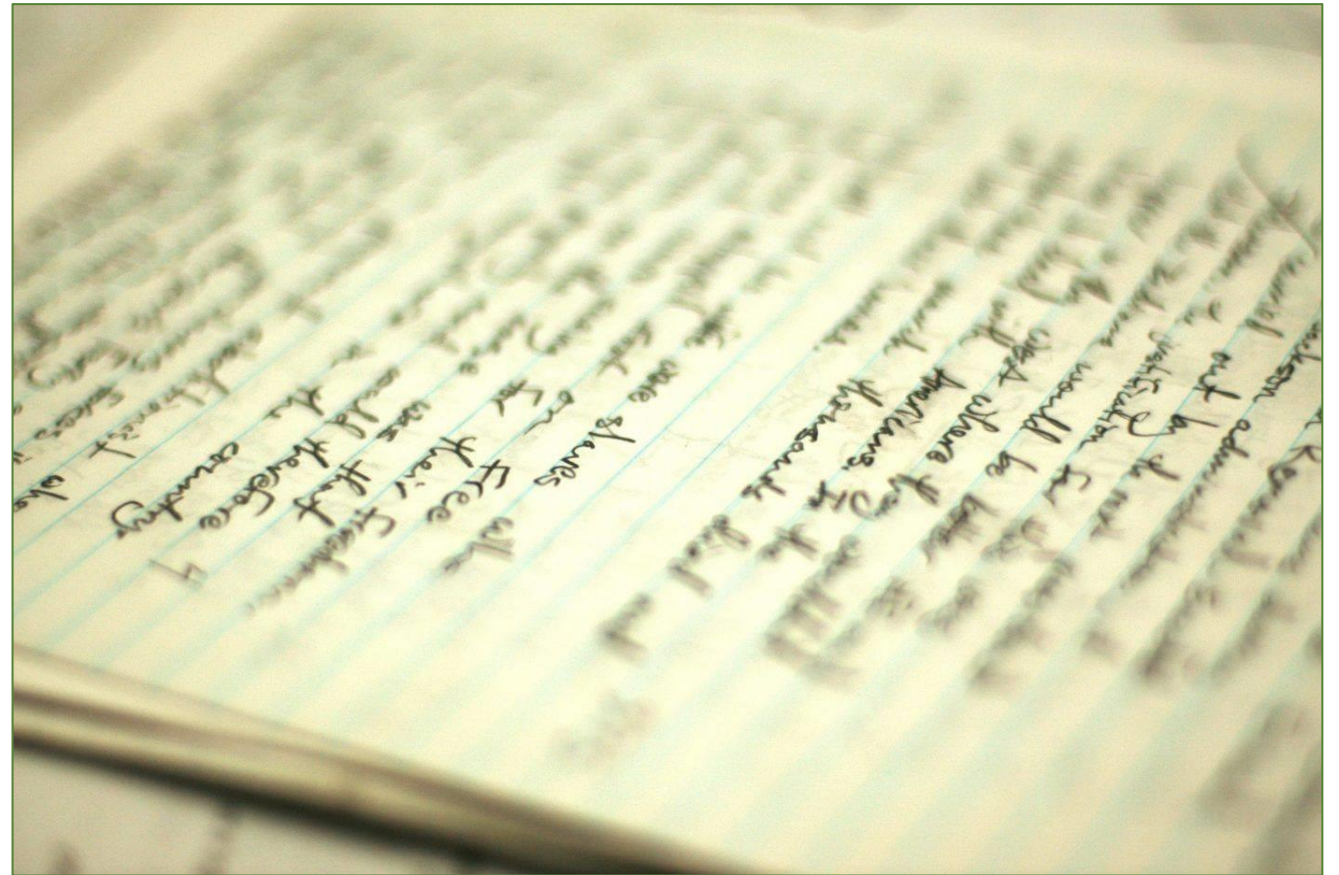
Don't forget to join us for this special

[South Asian Heritage Month](#)

Workshop next week! Open to anyone with an interest in poetry, this workshop is facilitated by South Asian Poet, Katherine Saminaden, using inspiration from Headstone Manor & Museum to create new narratives inspired by South Asian heritage.

Pay What You Can and book now:

<https://headstonemanor.org/events/poetry-through-the-eyes-of-south-asian-communities/>



Thursday, July 30th 2020

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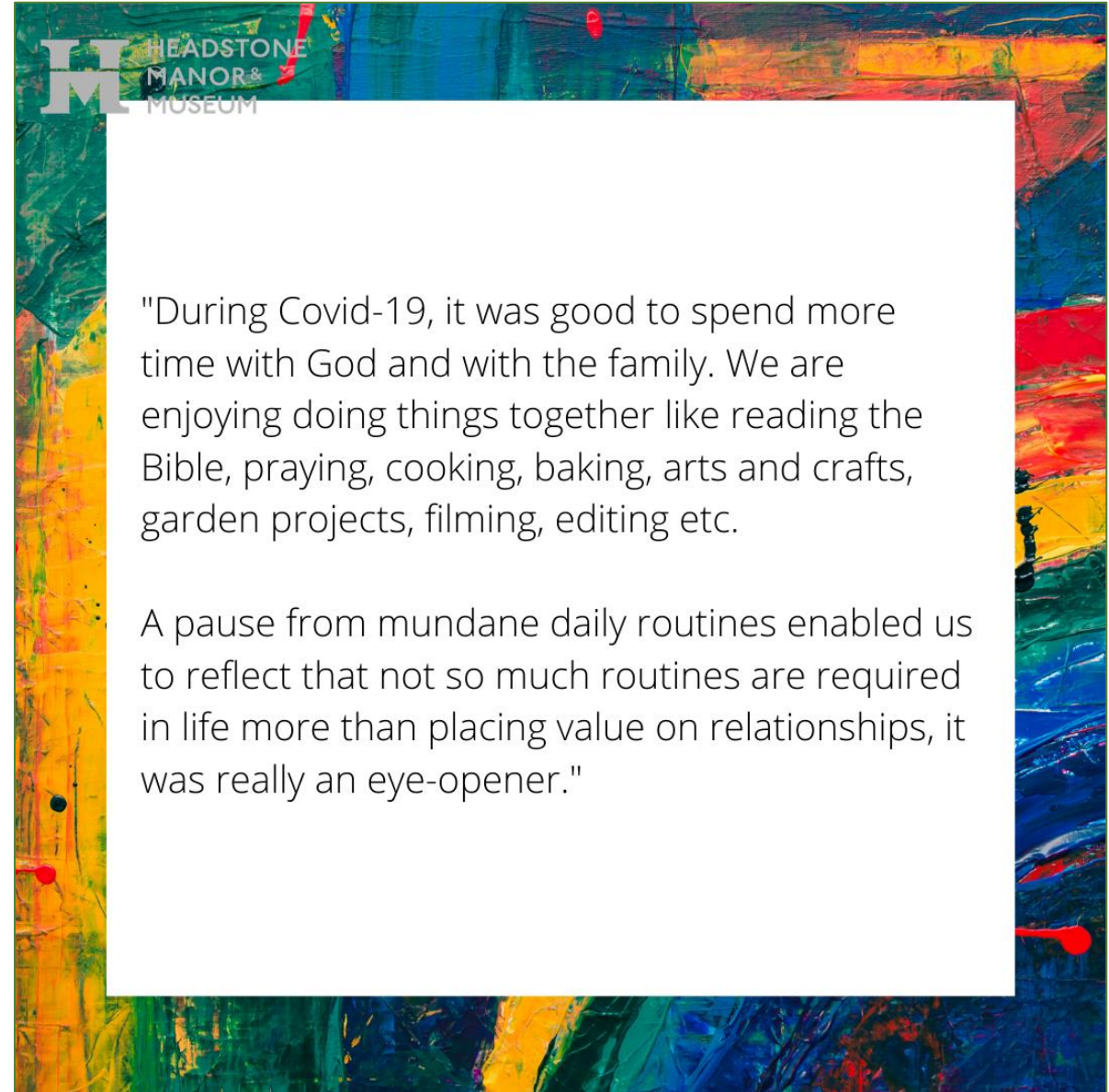
We'd like to share some more photos with you from our project, 'On Our Doorsteps - Harrow in Lockdown'. Over a period of two weeks, we worked with local photographer Jenny's Tiny Shoots, to capture life in Harrow during this strange time.

Over the two weeks, 25 households from across the borough were photographed on the doorsteps of their houses. Each participant was asked to hold an object that has meant something to them during lockdown - a great variety of objects (and pets!) were captured!

We will be sharing the stories and photos over the coming weeks, so keep a look out for more!

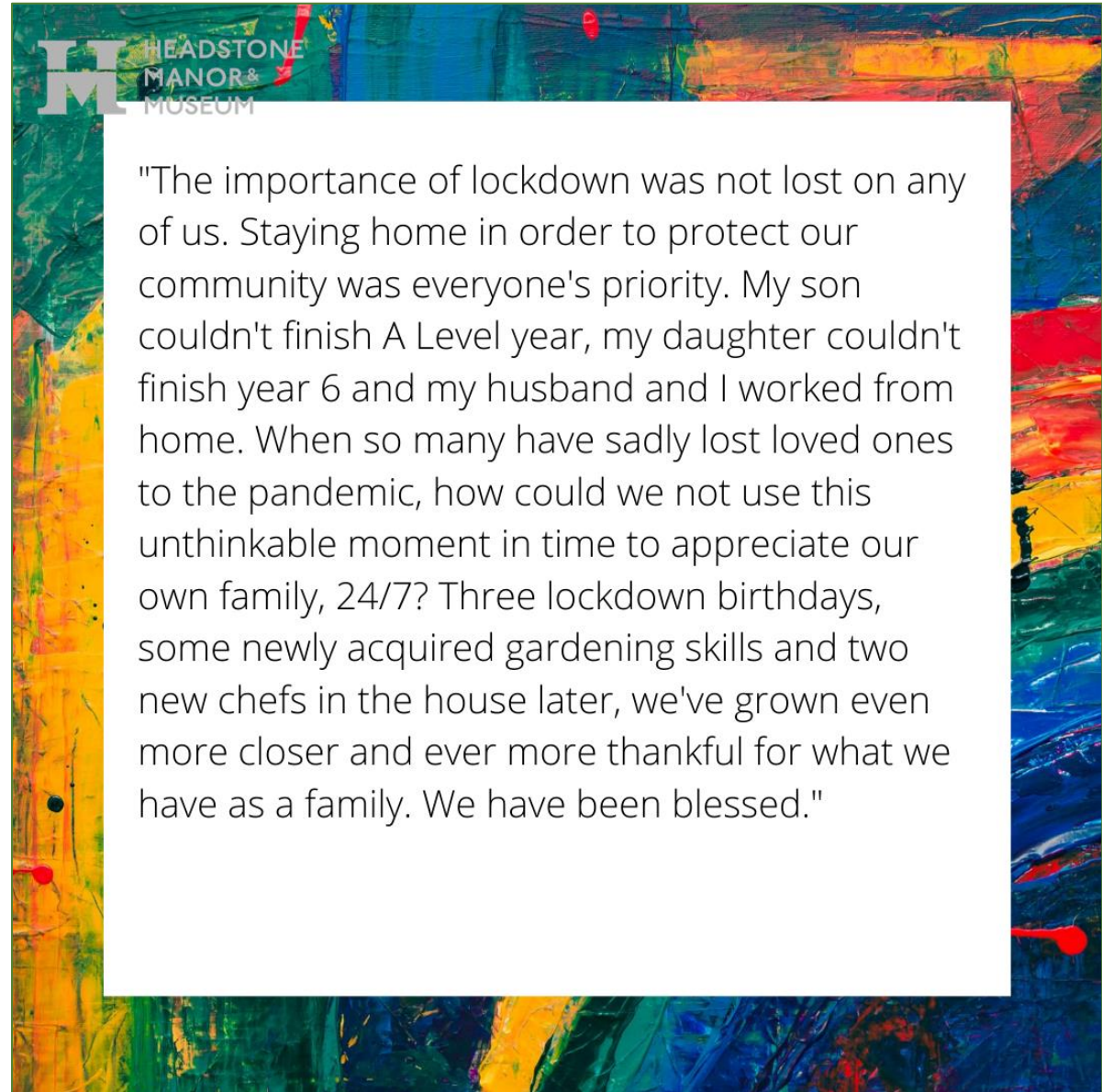
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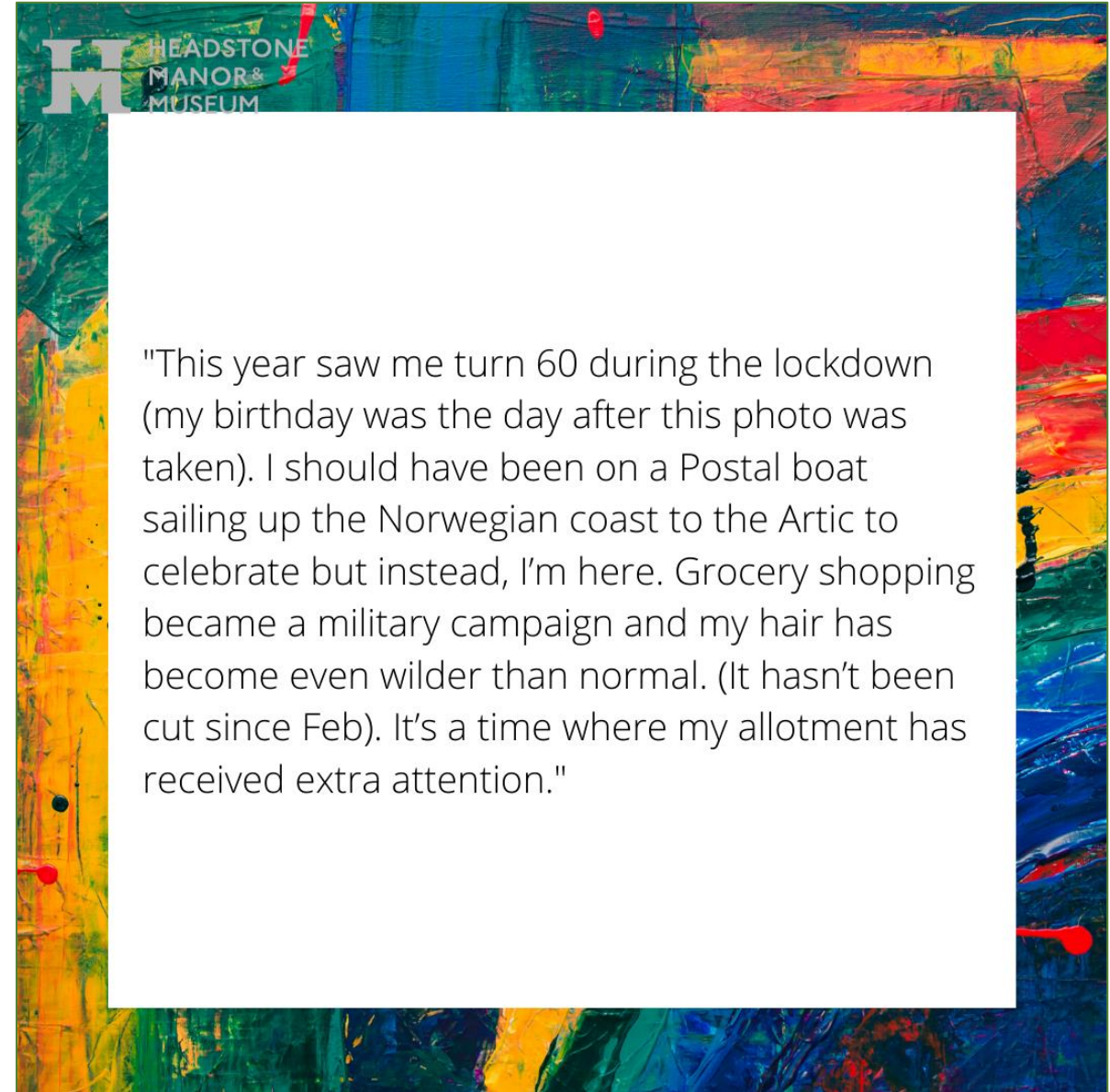
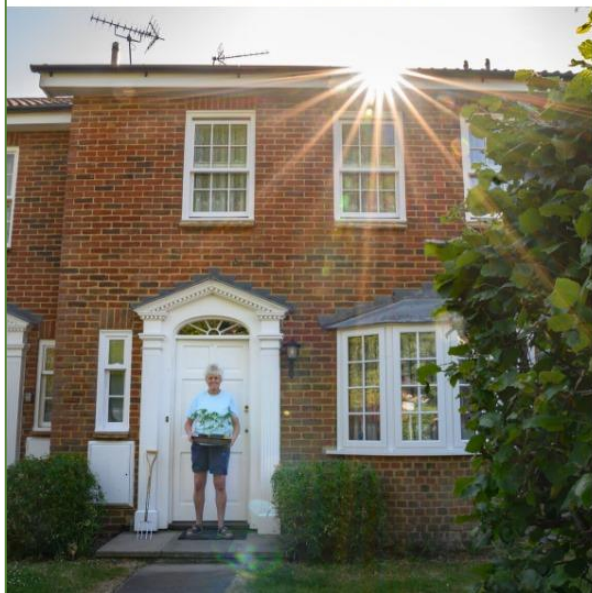


"During Covid-19, it was good to spend more time with God and with the family. We are enjoying doing things together like reading the Bible, praying, cooking, baking, arts and crafts, garden projects, filming, editing etc.

A pause from mundane daily routines enabled us to reflect that not so much routines are required in life more than placing value on relationships, it was really an eye-opener."



"The importance of lockdown was not lost on any of us. Staying home in order to protect our community was everyone's priority. My son couldn't finish A Level year, my daughter couldn't finish year 6 and my husband and I worked from home. When so many have sadly lost loved ones to the pandemic, how could we not use this unthinkable moment in time to appreciate our own family, 24/7? Three lockdown birthdays, some newly acquired gardening skills and two new chefs in the house later, we've grown even more closer and ever more thankful for what we have as a family. We have been blessed."



"This year saw me turn 60 during the lockdown (my birthday was the day after this photo was taken). I should have been on a Postal boat sailing up the Norwegian coast to the Artic to celebrate but instead, I'm here. Grocery shopping became a military campaign and my hair has become even wilder than normal. (It hasn't been cut since Feb). It's a time where my allotment has received extra attention."

Friday, July 31st 2020

Post #1

More from our Young Creators:

“When she was in her 60s, Eliza Brightwen turned her billiard room into a small museum - above is an image of it. Here she would display her specimens for naturalists and writers to take inspiration from. One thing I found particularly interesting, is that she would talk to groups of young people about her collections and at the end give them a specimen to take home, rewarding them for their attention.” - Millie

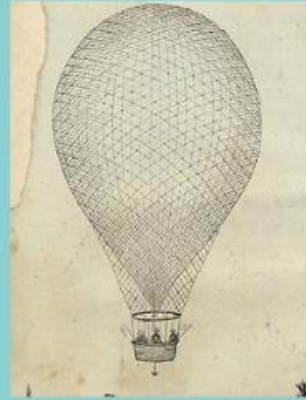
Image from Eliza Brightwen's book 'More about Wild Nature' (1892) 🦜 🐿 🐹 🌱 🍄 🍄



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**Charles Green's
balloon at
Weilburg,
Germany, 1836.**



**Ellen and
Robert
Holland**



In 1845 St John's was felt to be too small and also structurally unsafe, and so in 1848 another church was built next door. However burials still took place in the old church including a beautiful mausoleum to the Holland family, which was built in 1867.

Ellen Holland, was an author and the person who established the first ever creche in London. Robert Holland, her husband, was a hot air balloon pioneer and flew with Charles Green on his famous flight of 1836. This flight took off from Vauxhall Gardens at 1:30 pm and arrived at Weilburg in Germany 18 hours later having travelled around 500 miles. A considerable feat for the age!

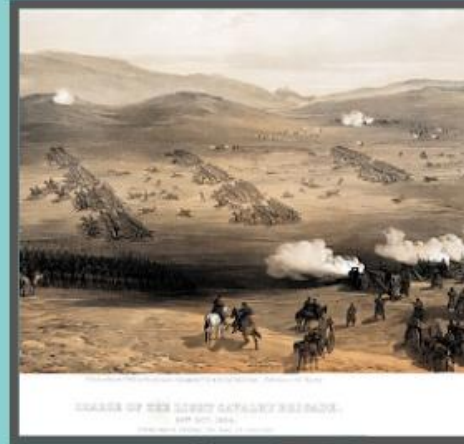
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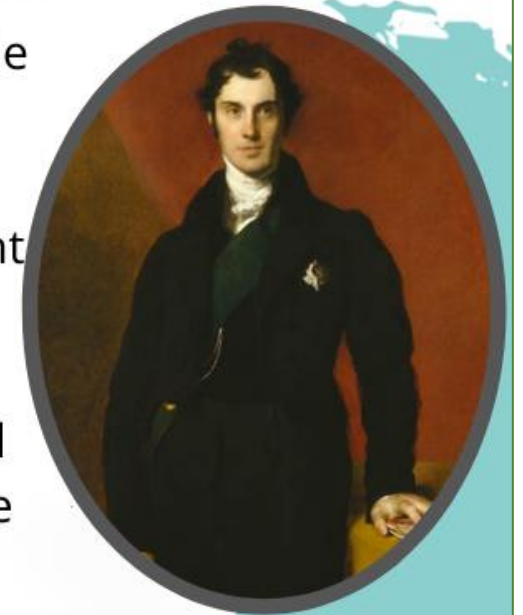
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In the Bentley Priory vault within St John's lies the burial place of George Hamilton Gordon, 4th Earl of Aberdeen, who was Prime Minister under Queen Victoria from 1852 - 55. Lord Aberdeen was a leading politician of his age and became the head of government as the Prime Minister.

Britain's entry into the Crimean War on the side of the French and Ottomans against the Russian Empire, happened under Aberdeen's government. The infamous "Charge of the Light Brigade" happened during the Crimean War, and the needless loss of life for the British troops in this war was to prove fateful for Lord Aberdeen who retired from politics in 1858. He died and was buried at St John's in 1860.



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It is an extremely unusual sight to see two churches next door to each other. It is almost always the case that old buildings are demolished and their stones are used in the creation of the next church, or in other local buildings.

However St John's survived despite the odds. In 1851, after the new church was established, the authorities started removing artefacts from the old church, and then it's roof was removed as part of a demolition plan. However such was the outcry from the people of Stanmore the destruction was halted.

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In recent years the people of Stanmore have continued to protect this historical treasure. Funding was secured in the 90s to secure the bell tower, so that the church could be opened on special days for the public to view.

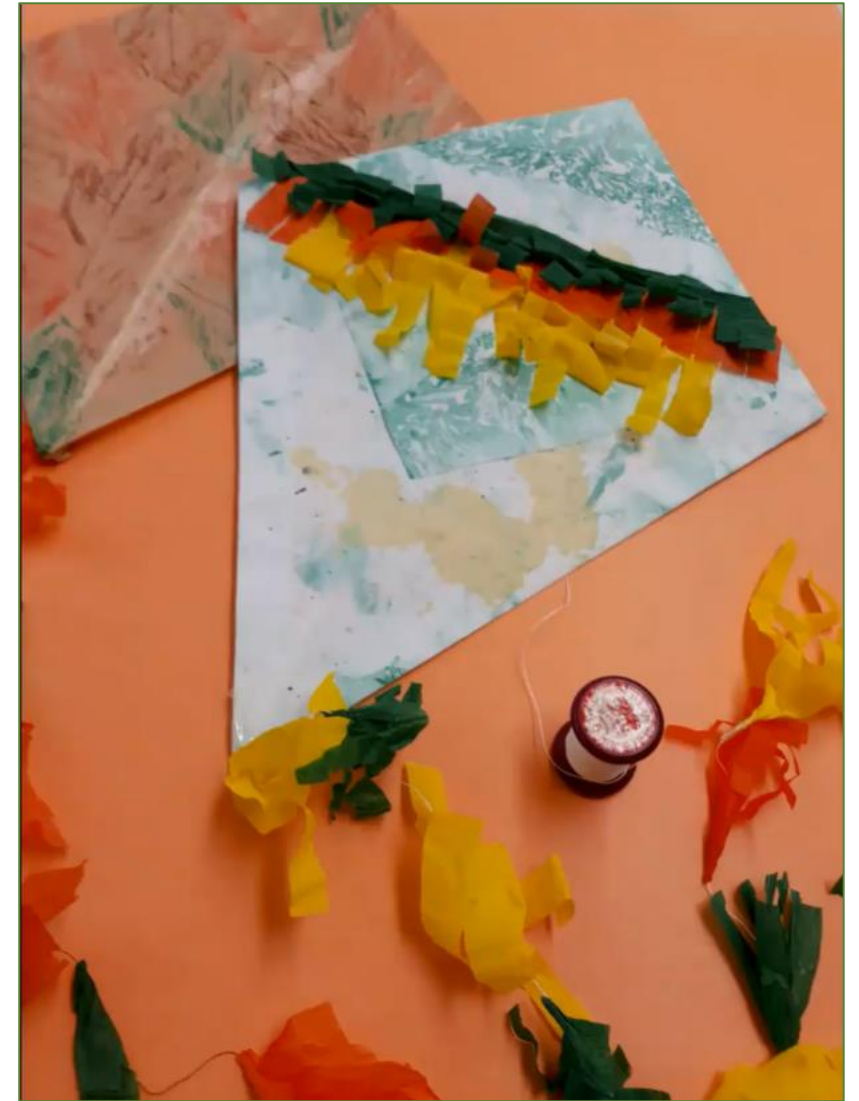
FIND OUT MORE! Head to the brilliant:<http://www.stanmoretouristboard.org.uk/churches/st-johns-brick-church-ruin-stanmore.html> For more information and some incredible photos, including the beautiful coffin of Lord Aberdeen

Saturday, August 1st 2020

Post #1

Kite flying is a great activity to do outdoors so take some inspiration from the museum and nature to design and make your own mini kite to fly in the park!

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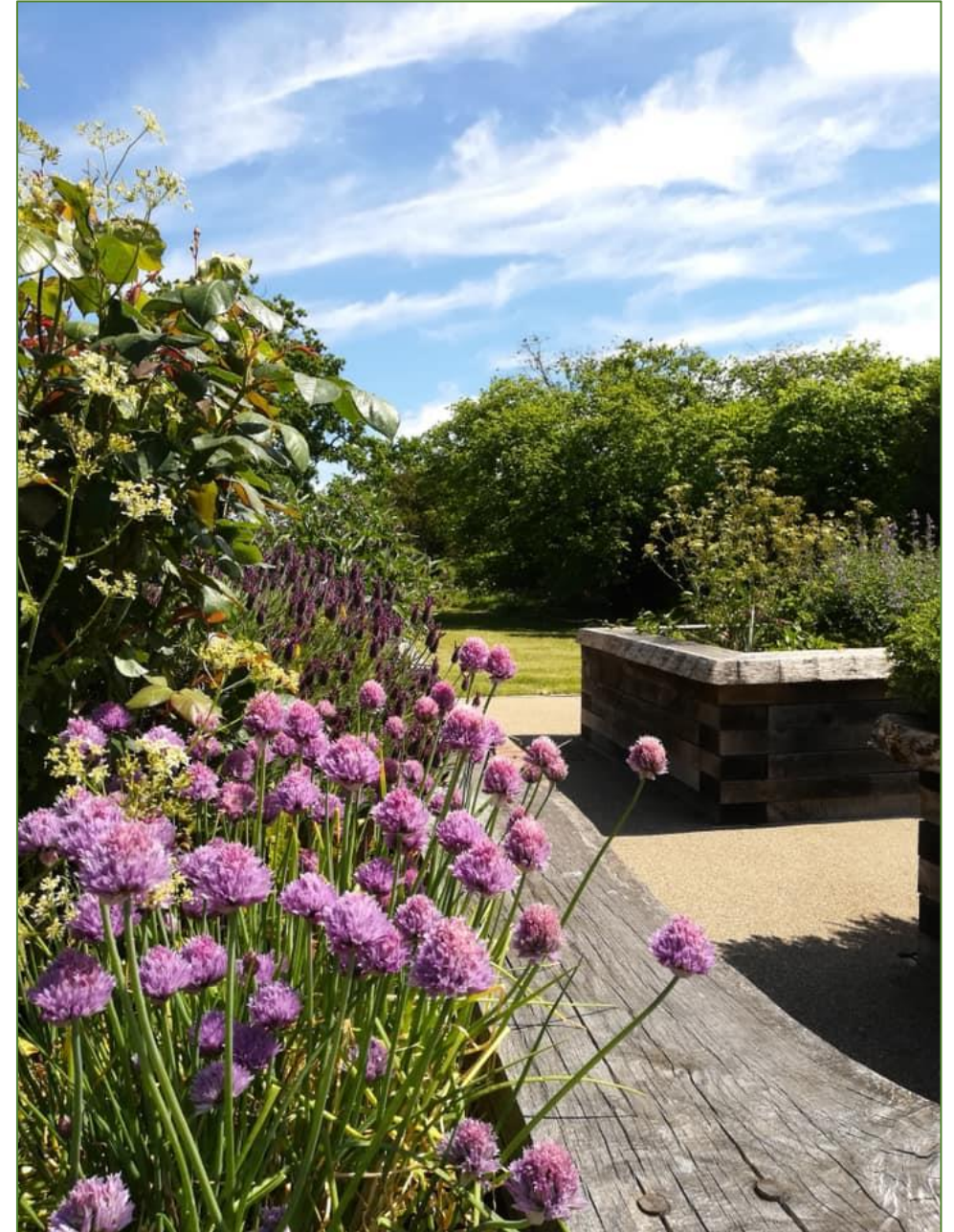
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Sunday, August 2nd 2020

Post #1

“One thing I particularly enjoyed was gaining an insight into Eliza’s character and humour from her books. In *More About Wild Nature*, she amusingly refers to her collection of bird and animal skulls as a ‘skullery’, aware that this was an exception to the type of scullery likely to be present in most other Victorian houses. However, Eliza’s ‘skullery’ was not a private collection but instead an educational resource for sharing. She also made several ‘object lesson cases’, containing a range of specimens for teachers to use in their lessons. She stressed the importance of making wildlife accessible and expressed her joy at teaching young people about the natural world.” - Phoebe

You will be able to see more of the Young Creator’s research on Eliza Brightwen (1830-1906) in our natural history exhibition in 2021.



Sunday, August 2nd 2020

Post #2

Don't forget to join us for a FREE summer storytelling session with International storyteller Peter Chand via Zoom. Suitable for adults and those over 14 years old, expect tales of love, wisdom, and ghostly goings on. Reserve your spot now!



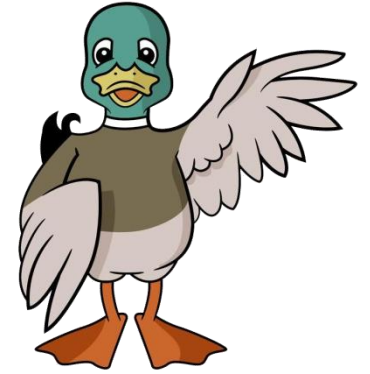
Reserve your place here:

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That's all for this week folks! 🙌 Keep an eye out for the next social media update newsletter!

If you have social media, you can follow us on Facebook (Headstone Manor & Museum), Twitter (HeadstoneManor 1), Pinterest (HeadstoneMMuseum), and Instagram (headstone_manor_museum)!

Keep an eye on our Online Learning page for new activities: <https://headstonemanor.org/learning/online-learning/>
And please get in touch with us if you have material for our Covid-19 in Harrow callout.

Catch you next week!

Love,
Bill the Duck